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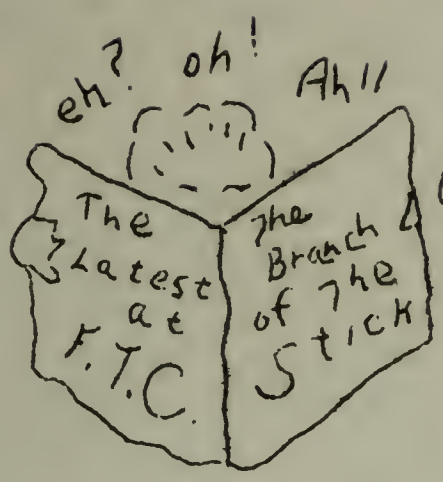

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ELECTION OF 'STICK' OFFICERS

'Monday afternoon, April 15, 1946, at 3:00 o'clock in Mr. Weston's room, elections will be held for the new 'STICK' staff for next year's college paper. Any student who is interested in newspaper work should attend this meeting.

At the present time, the paper is being published weekly and we hope that this policy will be followed next year. As we all know, funds for the regular 'STICK' have been exhausted this year and also, the printing press in the Industrial Arts building was out of order so that our mimeographed copy took its place. 'THE TWIG' has proven itself to be a very good paper and we hope that next year the 'TWIG' or 'THE STICK' will carry on where we left off.

MOUNTAIN TRIP

'This coming Saturday, April 13th, the Mohawk Club will sponsor the first 'All-School' Mountain Climb to take place in over four years. The scene of the affair will be Mount Monadnock which is located in Jaffery, N.H.

Buses will leave from in front of the Administration building at 9:00 A.M. the morning of the affair. To defray the cost of transportation, a fee of one dollar will be charged, which will be payable as you board the bus Saturday morning.

Sign up sheets for those who plan to attend the affair have been posted in the women's day room, the men's smoking room, and in both dormitories. All dormitory students who sign by Wednesday night will be provided with box lunches. It is necessary to know by Wednesday night, so Miss Worthington can order the food in advance. It is also essential that everyone sign early, in order that the necessary transportation may be charted for the affair.

Four faculty members have consented to chaperone the affair. They include Miss Connelly of the Edgerly school, and Miss Donovon, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Glennon of the Junior High School.

Mountain Climbs have been featured on school social calendars for many years in the past.

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EDITORIAL

OUR BASEBALL TEAM

After four years without any baseball team whatever, F.T.C. started out with what may be one of its best teams in a long time. At least, from what we see out in the field, the competition should be keen indeed for any opposing team.

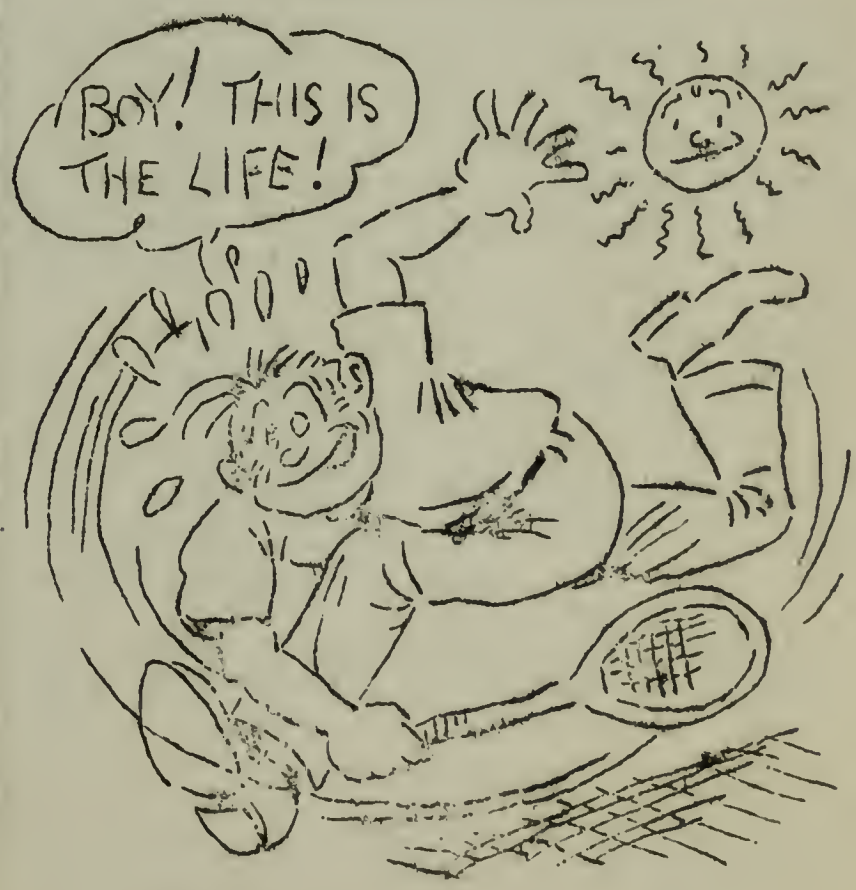
Our boys from F.T.C. have been practicing for some four weeks now with very hard workouts to help put the team up top with the other colleges. Now if they can devote all this time to so much work, why can't all of the students attend their games and cheer them on to victory.

The first game will be played April 24 against New Britain and that so- called "school spirit" that everyone says the school lacks can be aroused very much if all attend this game and give confidence to the boys playing for us.

COME ONE? COME ALL .....

SPA CHANGES HANDS

The surprise of the week came when it was announced to the students of F.T.C. that the College Spa had changed hands. Mr. Charles Cassassa, who has been proprietor for the past nine years, has become a well known personality to the students of the college. His keen interest in college affairs and his sincere warm and trusting nature has made him the lasting friend of all os us. Mr. Henry J. Boucher, who, with Mr. Bernard F. Ashe and Henry J. Ashe, Jr., now own the Spa. The owners made the following statement for the 'TWIG', "The hospitality and tradition of the College Spa, which Mr. Cassassa has built up through the years, will be maintained and we hope that in the future, the College Spa will be one of the brightest spots near the campus."



GAVELEER SOCIETY NEWS

At their regular Monday night meeting, April 1, the Gaveleer Society gave the last phase of their initiation to their neophyte brothers. The ceremony made the neophytes regular members of the Gaveleer Society. Prior to this, an impressive and solemn program took place which more or less, introduced the new members to the old. The traditions and purposes of the society were explained to the new members who were informed of the meaning of the Greek symbols 'Lambda Phi Sigma.

With this final phase of the initiation over with, the Gaveleers gave attention to the forth coming Gav-Mohawk dance. Tentative plans were also formed concerning a mountain hike. It is believed that this will take place in the near future.

The Gaveleers are happy to announce that Mr. Healy is expected to become their faculty adviser.

ASSEMBLIES

Our assembly for Tuesday, April 9, was a debate between Holy Cross and F.T.C. The subject for debate was "Resolved That the Foreign Policy of the United States should be directed toward the establishment of Free Trade among the Nations of the World."

Holy Cross took the Negative stand and F.T.C. the Affirmative. For the F.T.C. Affirmative Team, Arthur Lane and Richard Tucker spoke. Holy Cross was represented by John Galea and William Sweeney.

The decision was two to one in favor of F.T.C. The judges for the debate were Attorney Ward, Bernard Moynihan, and Miss Hastings.

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ENGLISH CLASSES PRESENT MOVIE

Last Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, the English classes of the College witnessed a movie adaptation of the book entitled "The Scarlet Letter" by Nathaniel Hawthorne. Abbie Whitney and Marie Boudoin of the Sophomore class made very attractive tickets for the occasion.

The movie represented the book which had been read by the English classes previous to its showing. The film was well attended as much interest was shown by those read the book to see how much the film followed the reading of the book. The film was probably not as interesting to those students who never read the book because it one of those plays where psychology played a great part throughout.

FORUM

Last Wednesday evening, April 3, a debate was held in Mr. Harrington's room. with Our Lady of the Elms College. The subject for debate was resolved; that every man between the ages 18 and 24 have one year of compulsory military training.

F.T.C. upheld the affirmative and Our Lady of Elms College upheld the negative side. Ann Carty and Betty McKenna represented Our Lady of the Elms College. Jeannette Smith and David Scanlon represented F.T.C.

The decision of the judges was two to one in favor of F.T.C.

And the question of the week in the girls day room these days is, "Where is Harvey?" "Harvey" is the character who is keeping up the morale for these girls and anyone finding him should report same to the leader of the screwball society. Thank You.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

DO YOU BELIEVE IN COMPULSORY TRAINING?

Beverly White:"Yes, because it gives them a broader outlook on life, Making men out of boys. As an aspect of National Preparedness in case of future emergencies, I believe it is quite necessary."

Pauline Reagan: "No. Definitely not! The eighteen year old is easily influenced, often for the worst, although associations with many good people. At such an important stage of life, home environment and parental guidance are essential."

Neysis Nelson: "Yes, providing their education is also included in the program and they receive Army credit to be applied toward future college education."

George Wah : "No! It interrupts their future education or delay their start in a life's vocation provided college is not included in their plans. No country has ever been successful for any length of time with a large standing Army. For instance, Rome, Italy, Japan, and Italy are good examples of what I mean. You cannot inforce a lasting peace by fear."

Eddie Young: "Yes! United States needs military training. Our youth today is becoming too soft in comparison to that of other nations. It is true that during war time moral was lower than any other time in our history, but peace time military training would be a different story. The interruption of education should be no impediment in military training. True, many may be deterred from their natural veactions, but many more will receive a broader outlike on life, and become better citizens of our country.

Bill Goaran: "In 1942, the United States began the difficult task of transforming a great potent power into a strong force. It was done, but it took time for which we sacrificed time that cost dearly in lives and material.

The words of our delegates at the conference table will mean little if it is not backed up by power. The other 'big nations' are practicing this policy and it is essential, no matter what the inconvenience is, that we follow suit.

STORY OF THE WEEK

Are men gullible? The answer is definitely yes. The following incident is an example of men's gullibility.

On the night of April 1, two misses from Burbank were busily engaged in planning a good joke to play on their respective beaus from Palmer Hall. After much debate between the two, it was decided that they would have Miss D. phone one of the beaus and say that both of the girls would be able to get out after study hours. The boys promised to be there. Within five minutes, the boys arrived only to be stranded and handed a note which read, "It is April Fool Day today but your the biggest fool of all my dear." The note was signed by both madamoisolles.

ONE IN A MILLION

A genius is
A soul apart--
A superman
So supersmart
And far ahead
Of the vulgar mob
That he can't hold down
A regular job.

Ash Tray

Last week's 'TWIG' proved that it is possible to print entire pages without using the letter 'e'. Of course you find things like 'SWEET ADELINE' and 'BIG WHEEL JOE RILEY'. Maybe we should throw the 'E' our of the alphabet. 'THE ALPHABET MIGHT BE EASIER TO LEARN IF IT ONLY HAD TWENTY FIVE LETTERS.'
Ed. Note:- Well, what do you think of it?

According to the newspaper, a coast-to-coast radio program will be broadcasted from an aircraft flying 20,000 feet over New York City. It might be a good idea to broadcast that early moning record program from the local station in the same manner. About 7:25 the pilot could set the auto-pilot due south. At this point he and Tucker could bail out leaving everything in the hands of 'Horace'. He might get to the South Pole or at least far enough South to bother Senator Claghorn.

DEFINITION---

Civil service is something you get in restaurants between wars.

GAG OF THE WEEK---

"So who's caring if Hoibet Taroyton is back, Garson's probably already got him."
Mrs. Nuasbaum on Fred Allen Show

BRIGHT NEW CIGARETTES TO:
Frankie Carle for "Oh What It Seemed to Be."
The Folks who make the weekly "Sing Outs" a success.

OLD CIGARETTES BUTTS TO:
Those adolescents who attend "Sing Outs" and refuse to cooperate.
The Audiences at Frank Sinatra Broadcasts.

MOUNTAIN CLIMB - Contidued

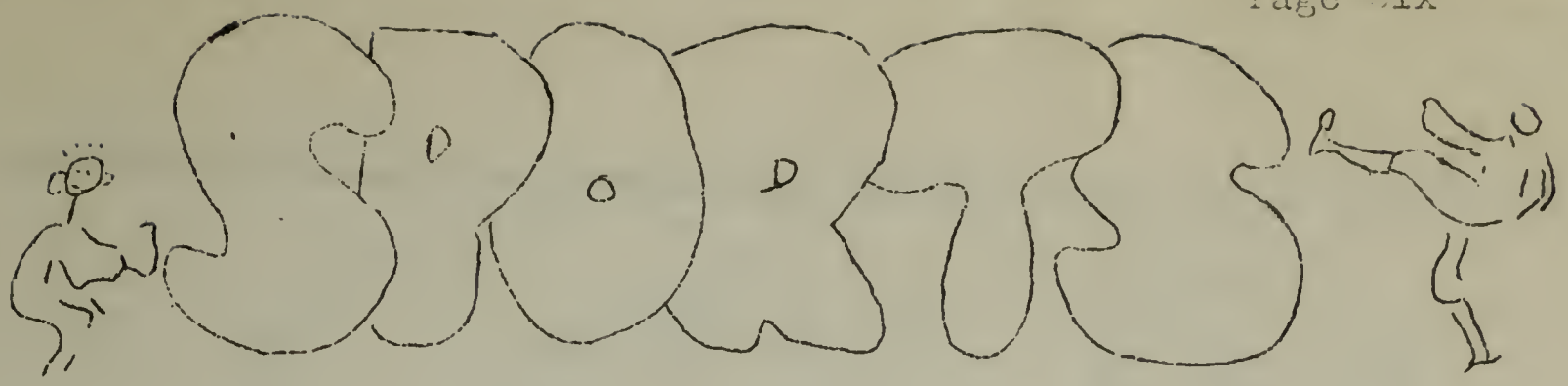
The last one took place on Columbus Day of 1941, and was heartily enjoyed by all participants.

Mount Monadnock is the highest mountain in the immediate vicinity, and affords a beautiful view from its summit. The Mohawk Club on their mountain trip of a few weeks ago, climbed the mountain and had a twenty five mile visibility from it.

Jim Bruen is in charge of the affair and promises a 'gala' time for all.

Friday came with another weekend. Some of the sophomores started walking downstreet, since they were shy of cash for bus tickets. Ann Fagan stumbled along, griping with every step because someone had made her ca carry books. The monologie went something like this---"You carry fifty million books home on Friday nights and not a single one any other day in the week, and you know your not going to look at them anyway. You're just trying to make an impression." Still grumbling, and with no idea of being heard, She muttered to a passing car, "Hey Bud, how about a ride?"

To her utter shock and amazement, the motorist slammed on the brakes, backed up the car and opened the door. Red to the ears,,"Oh no, thank you." "You asked for it ," snapped the driver, " so get in." What to do! The decision was soon taken out of her hands for her companions were already settled comfortably in the car. Do you recommend thes as a remedy for no-Bus ticket situations Ann???



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COME ONE ALL

First Game
April 24, at 3:00

Filchburg vs New Britain

WHITE DEFEATS GREEN IN FIRST COLOR GAME

Wednesday afternoon the White team defeated the Green team in a volleyball game played in the gym, 46 to 23. It was the first of three games to be played. Beverly White was high scorer for the winners with 14 points and Eleanor Driscoll for the losers with five points.

Lineups for the game were as follows:

WHITE: M. Bickford, capt., B. White, M. Wheatley, K. Morrilly, A. Driscoll, B. Cousins, J. Metzler, P. Connors. Substitutes were H. Peck, M. Boaudoin, M. Whitney, G. Marshall.

GREEN: E. Driscoll, A. Whitney, D. Matthews, B. Erickson, C. Vorse, K. Bourgeois, R. Bokor. Substitutes were M. Piermarini, capt., M. Gibbons, M. J. O'Connor.

Charlotte Drury referred the game and Priscella Morley umpired. Louise Cook and Ruth Sz[illegible] scored and Agnes McDermott and Grace Hanley timed.

The second game will be played next week, so how about coming down to the gym and cheering for your team??

The girls wish to express their sincere thanks to Julie, 32nd vice-president of the Cannonball Society, for her contribution to the Orange Room. Very considerate of her to smear the nomenclature across the gift. The seashell, girls, is an ash tray--use it.

Walter Richards is leading a hard life since he decided to become an artist. "It isn't the painting that bothers me (modestly); only I never stop early enough to clean up what missed the canvas," he says, stooping over the paper cutter with his shirt sleeves rolled up, tie over one ear, and scrubbing the spot vigorously.

The other day at lunch, a certain girl stated that she couldn't cook or sew and didn't like to go out with men. She won't get far in the world, will she boys?

No longer going steady is "dark eyes" from Greenfield. Dottie D. also has lost ten pounds. Could it be from lamenting over the break.

Tony Polito is currently giving his attention to a certain nurse. It looks like a 'peaches and cream' affair.

Eddie "Two Ton" Davis finds that the Mansion House holds interests that outshine the local establishment.

To all the boys having difficulty with a certain variety of jobsheet is this consolation, 'Only seven more weeks until vacation."

Mr. Weston: "Ann, can you tell me what is meant by a polygon?"
Ann Doyle: "I guess it means a parrot that's died, doesn't it?"

Miss McCarty: "Phil, I want you to correct this sentence---Girls is naturally better looking than boys."
Phil Brosult: "Girls is artificially better looking than boys."

Have you heard about the moron who plucked his eyes out because he was going to have a blind date?"

Teacher: Who invented the first talking machine?
Tony Polito: God invented women, the first talking machine, but Edison invented the first one you could turn off.

Auntie: "Bill, where in the world did you learn such language?"
Bill: "Aw, auntie, Shakespeare uses it."
Auntie: "Well, I don't want you to play with him anymore."

Who is the student that gets here every morning before Mr. Gallagher? Could he be trying to get the janitor's job or just play ping-pong? Am I right Mr. Cook?

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CAMPUS CHATTER-continued.

Who furnishes the gum in Mr. Healy's room? And "who" furnished the pepper gum? Huh--Mr. Healy?

A case for "Hawkshaw, the Detective!! Who took a certain freshman's shoe in Mr. Harrington's room last Thursday? Could it have been that gruesome-twosome--Peterman and Gorson? I mean Peterson and Gorman?

What illustrious junior is noted for giving driving lessons immediately after school? To female applicants only--natch.

Ellen Bonitz (Bedsy) our faithful, inquiring reporter has been ill for two weeks. We all miss her sunny disposition, and her eagerness to help others. When Ellen returns she will live at the "dorm".

May you have a speedy recovery, Ellen. The 'commuters' loss is the "dorm's" gain.

Frank Baumgartner: "You'll have to excuse my awkward dancing, You see, I'm lame from badminton."

SCHOOL ALPHABET

A - Answer: That which is lacking on Monday morning.
B - Bashful: All Vets
C - Commuter: A cross-breed between a Saint Bernard and a Zombie.
D - Dangerous: That which is popularly known as a wolf.
E - Dating: Something the Dorm kids think about.
F - Frankness: The freshmen
G - Goodness: The sophomore girls
H - Help: That which is wanted in exams.
I - I.Q.: Something Mr. Donoghue used to tell his Psychology class about.

SCHOOL ALPHABET - Continued

J - Juniors: ? ? ? ? ?
K - K.P.: That which Bill Gearan looks forward to.
L - Lacking: Things to study in free periods. (Who's kidding who?)
M - M.P.: Beware of these former soldiers.
N.- Novelty: Assembly presented by the faculty.
O - Opposite: Our answers compared to Mr. Weston's.
P - Porkers: Those not endowed with natural intelligence.
Q - Question: That which is always lacking an answer.
R - Rushing: Any F.T.C. student of 11:45 (A.M. -Naturally)
S - Spring fever: On the front steps any one of these nice days.
T - Tennis Court Oath: Pledge by some students to be careful of windows in Edgerly this coming season.
U - Utopia: The Spa any afternoon.
V - Veterans: Webster says: "One who has had much experience.
W - Wolf: Dog-Like, carnivorous animal (According to Mr. Randall.)
X - Xtemporaneous: "THE TWIG"-no kidding. Anyway it helps boost moral.
Y - Year Book: That which Priscilla Morley is constantly haunting about.
Z - Zero: A theoretical point. So they say!

EXPLANATIONS:

A Theory is a hunch with a college education.

Tact--Making your company feel at home, even though you wish they were.